

REMARKS

This Amendment is a full and timely response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Priority Acknowledgement

It is noted with appreciation that the Action acknowledged the claim for priority and the submission of certified copies of documents supporting that claim.

Specification

The specification has been reviewed for final printing and a few minor changes made without the introduction of new matter.

Claims

Claims 1 to 18 were originally pending in this application; upon examination, claims 10 and 15 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include the subject matter of their base claim and any independent claims. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 10, and claim 10 is canceled, thus making claims 1 to 9 and 11 to 18 prima facie allowable. In addition, since claim 15 was indicated to be allowable, a new claim 19 is added that is made up of original claim 1, and claims 13, 14 and allowable claim 15. Claims 20 and 21 are like original claims 16 and 17, but dependent on newly-added allowable claim 19.

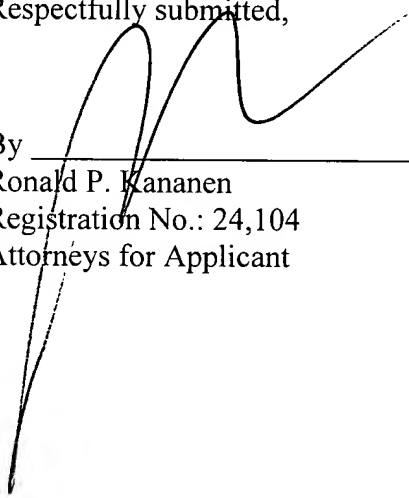
Thus, all remaining claims contain subject matter indicated to be allowable by the examiner. With this disposition of the pending claims, it is not believed to be necessary to discuss any of the stated rejections in that they are mooted by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims include subject matter indicated to be allowable by the examiner. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested, leading to an early Notice of Allowance.

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